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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2007-44a

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Robert's American Gourmet Food, Inc. Conducts a Nationwide Recall of Super Veggie Tings Crunchy Corn Sticks Because of Possible Health Risk

Robert's American Gourmet Food, Inc. of Sea Cliff, New York is expanding its snack recall to include Super Veggie Tings Crunchy Corn Sticks Snack Food, all lots and sizes, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Super Veggie Tings Crunchy Corn Sticks were distributed nationwide and Canada, and sold through local distributors, internet sales, phone orders, mail orders and retail outlets.

Super Veggie Tings Crunchy Corn Sticks are packed in a flexible, plastic foil bag in a 6 oz. size, and has UPC 15665-10356. The brand name is Robert's American Gourmet and all codes and expiration dates of Super Veggie Tings Crunchy Corn Sticks are being recalled.

Veggie Booty has been associated or related with approximately 54 cases of *Salmonella* across 17 states. Roberts American Gourmet has decided to add Super Veggie Tings Crunchy Corn Sticks to the recall as a precautionary measure. The extensive investigation at the contract manufacturer and by the company is ongoing to determine the source of the contamination. The company has ceased production and distribution of both products pending results of the investigation by the FDA and the company.

Consumers who purchased Super Veggie Tings Crunchy Corn Sticks, and still have product in their homes should discard the contents of the package Super Veggie Tings and contact us at 1-800-626-7557 for reimbursement of your purchase. Anyone with any questions pertaining to the situation may also contact us at 800-626-7557.